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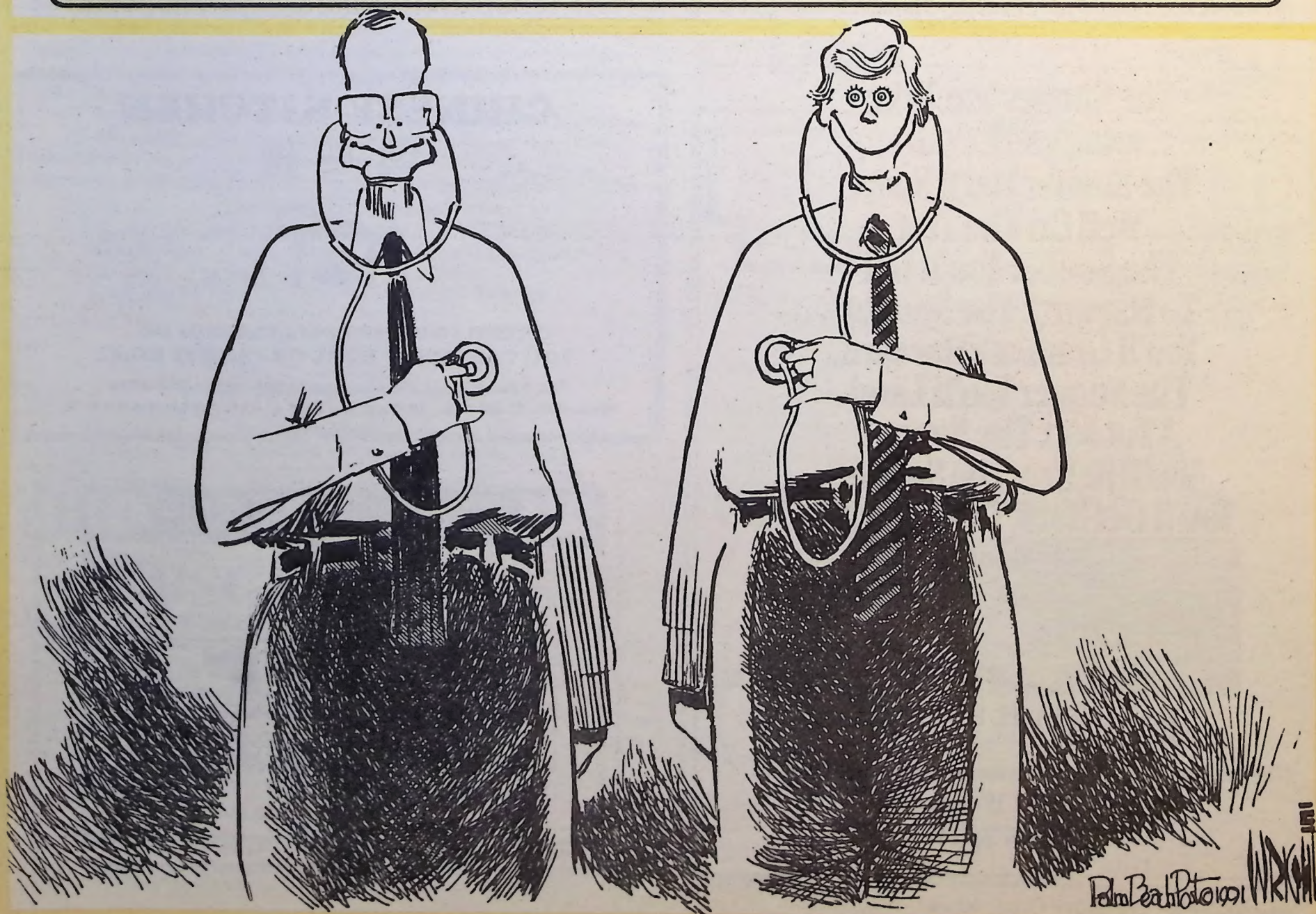


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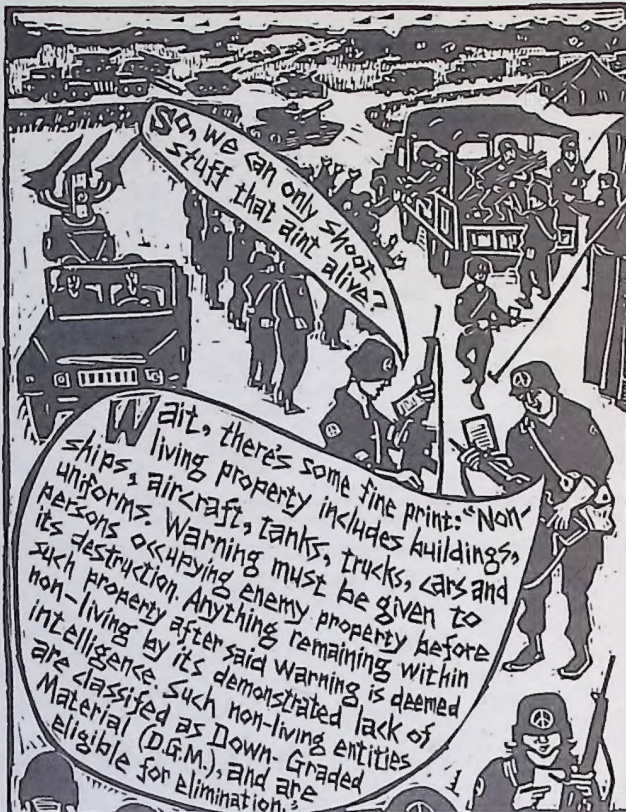
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PRESIDENT BILL BY WILLIAM L. BROWN

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ur historic nonviolent campaign to eject the foreign invaders was wildly successful in the sense that our unarmed forces had perpetrated no violence. Unfortunately, we were losing all the battles, along with vast numbers of troops and square miles of territory. Though we clearly enjoyed moral superiority, we needed to adjust our strategy slightly. Our error, we decided, was in not differentiating between violence against people and violence against property. Our new stance was holistic, encompassing both our pacifist and anti-materialist ideals. ★



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Victory was ours! ★ ★
Fortunately, Kali, my secretary of peace, had decided not to scrap all our weapons. Instead, she redirected their use. Though designed as tools of patriarchal violence, in the hands of a nurturing, life-honoring woman they became tools of peace. She allowed violence only against enemy materiel, not personnel—as officially defined. Not a single enemy soldier's life—as officially defined—was lost. Our troops basked in moral vindication and public acclaim as they cleared away battle debris and DGM (Down Graded Material). ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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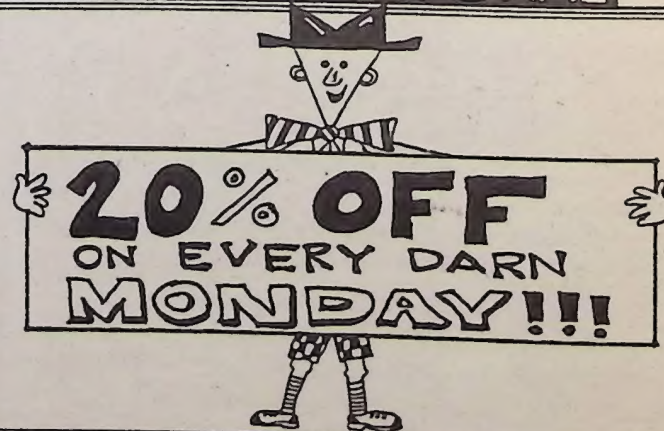
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What's the story with the Supreme Court? Is the final, irrevocable legacy of Ronald Reagan this cabal of thick-headed misogynist white guys, each of whom look like your worst realization of your Prom Date's father? And what about George's contribution? Souter? What kind of water do they have up there in New Hampshire anyway, that gives us him and John Sununu all in one fell swoop?

And I was watching the Today show, (aren't you just *thrilled* Deborah Norville is gone?), and there was Gene Shalit reviewing *Truth or Dare*, the Madonna Epic. He was outraged that the Queen of Commercial Manipulation would dare to simulate a certain oral sex act with a coke bottle. Okay, maybe it's not the greatest moment in cinema or the height of good taste, but Gene, Gene, Gene. Relax. Are you saying that sex is bad for you? Are we so puritanical in this country that Arnold the Nazi can slaughter hundreds in *Total Recall*, yet the simulated depiction of a perfectly normal activity is to be damned? Yeah, I know, sex is dangerous now in the Age of AIDS, but so is drunk driving. Yet you see *millions* of commercials for beer, and when was the last time you saw one for condoms? Stupid, stupid, stupid!

And George Bush! What the hell was he doing in *Boston*, campaigning for Steven Pierce? Is Little Stevie's potential constituency *there* all of a sudden? Hey Pierce! Over here! Remember us? Well, Bill Weld is holding his old job for him, so we shouldn't feel too bad for old Steve. (I don't know what it is, but there is something about Pierce that reminds me of a cartoon character you find on a Happy Meal at Burger King).

And Jack Clark!!!! The Red Sox spend zillions of dollars to watch a man either walk to first or walk to the dugout. Hey Jack! If there's one out, and a guy on second, drawing a walk just sets up a double play! Hit the stinking ball. There something about 172 strikeouts that kinds of makes you pissed off that your paying \$7.50 for a hot dog, and you have to pay to get the home games on TV. (Flashback to 4th Grade, softball during recess, the *Big Kids* yelling "Whiffer!" Trauma. Weeny child. Weeping. "Where's my blankie?" "What a dork!" Wetting the bed. God, I wish I knew who's flashback this is, it's really disturbing.)

And I know that we should be proud for the great job our troops did *over there*, but there is something a trifle unsettling about all these huge pageants with Mickey Mouse and Stormin' Norman (too bad he's not a Morman) sharing the same stage, with all these expensive toys rumbling by and flying overhead. Somehow, the combination of Disneyland and War is a tad obscene. I mean, we spend more on Military bands in this country than we do for the National Endowment for the Arts!

And are we supposed to cry for those government workers losing their jobs because the state is up to its eyeballs in debt? When did I, loyal taxpayer that I am, become an employment agency? Am I supposed to fund this huge bureaucracy, and pay for these clowns to take off *Bunker Hill Day*?

And the Celtics! And potholes! And the recession! And and and and....Bruce Willis!
(This message has been brought to you by the National Council on Venting. Thank you for your time, and remember to vent after every meal.)

Phil Kilbourne

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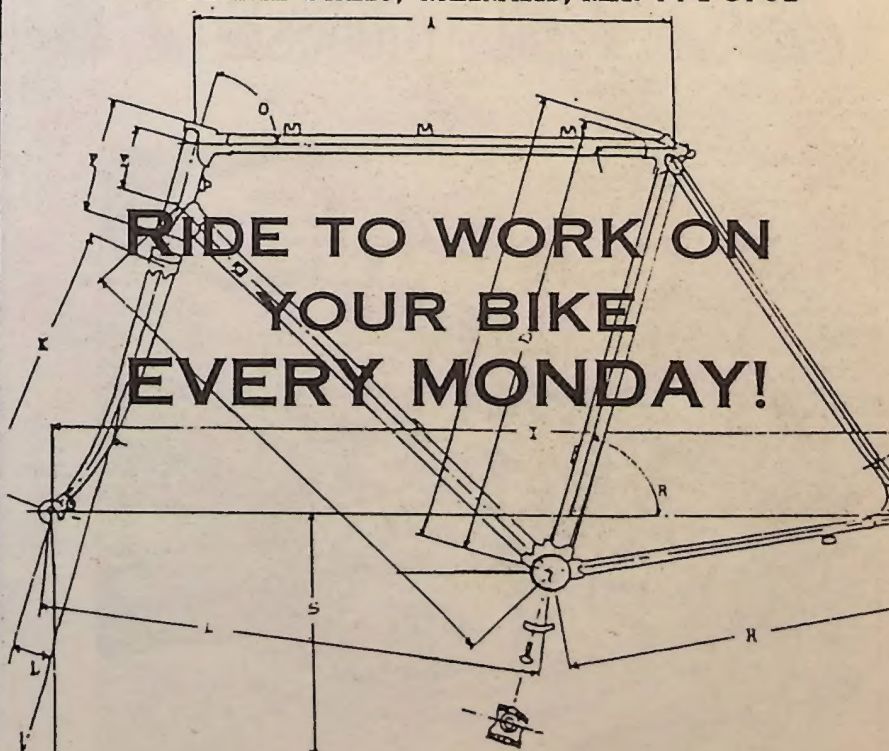
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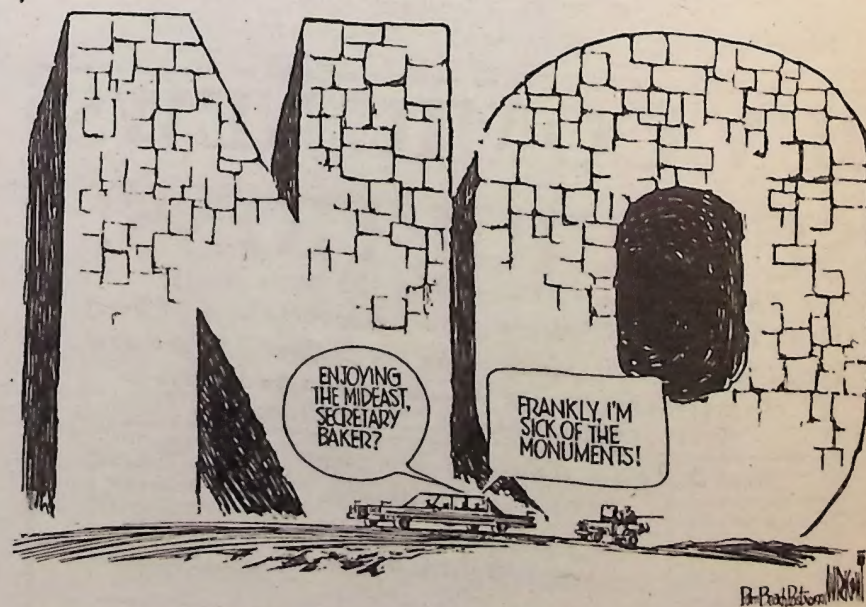
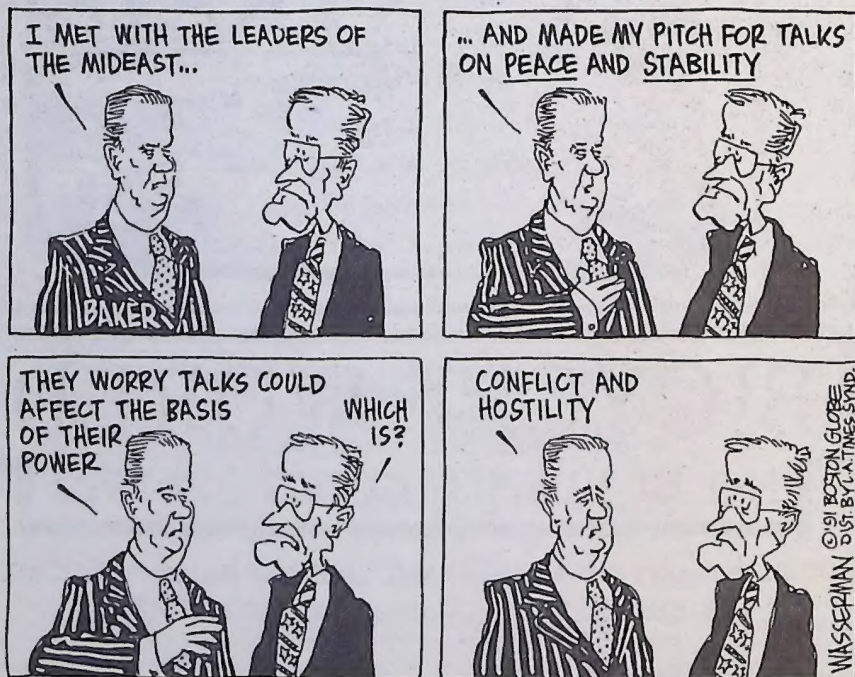
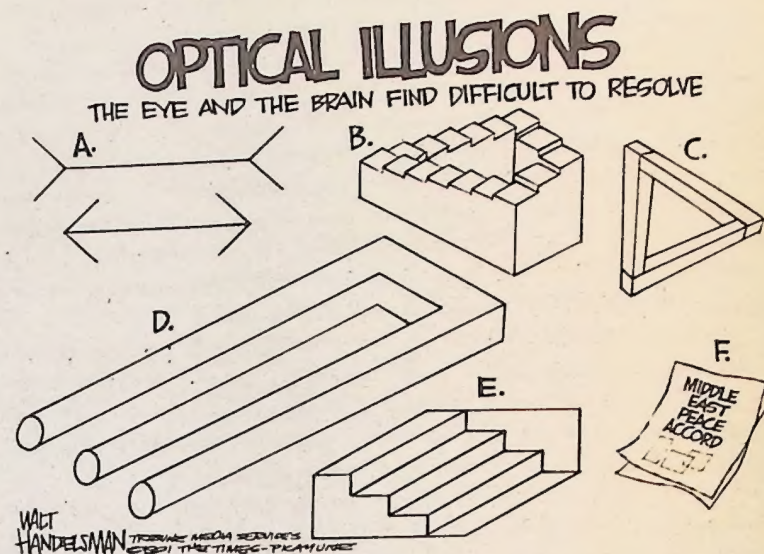
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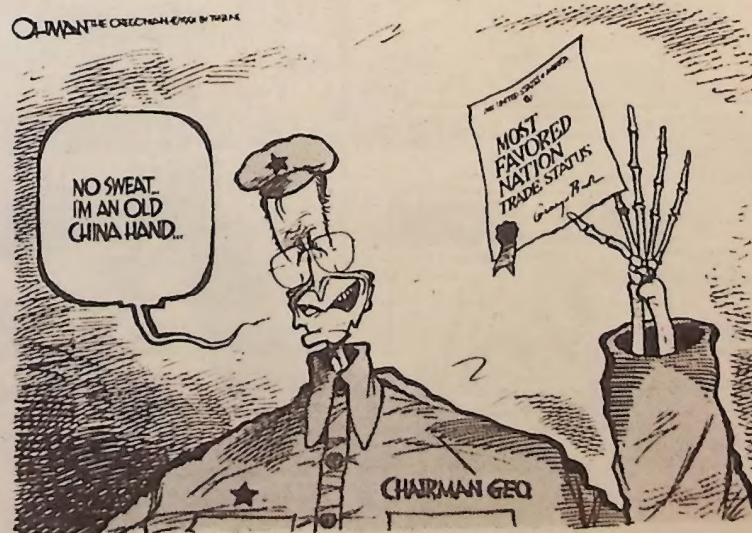
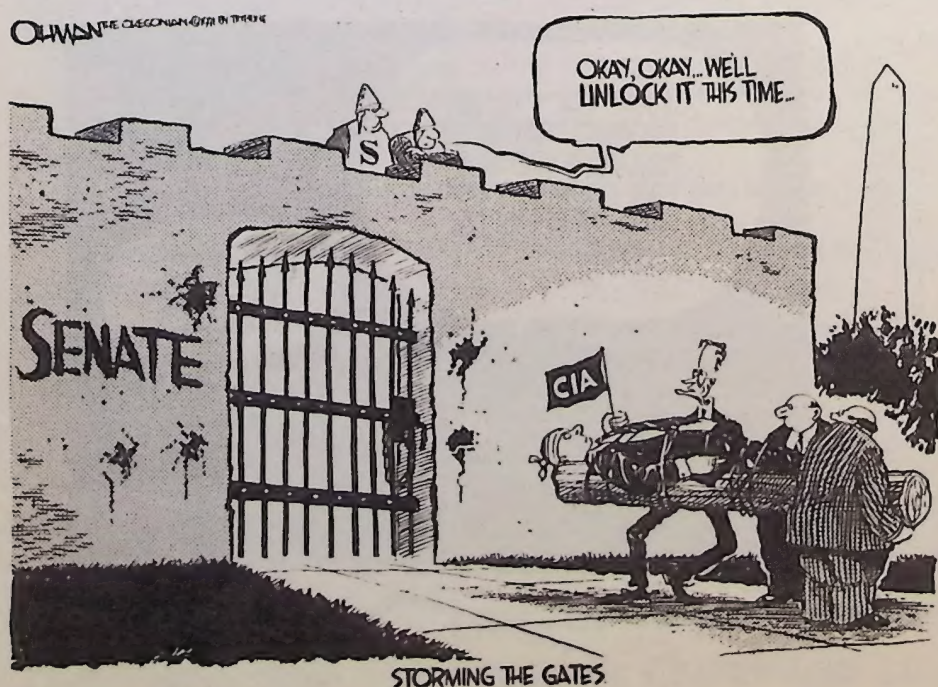
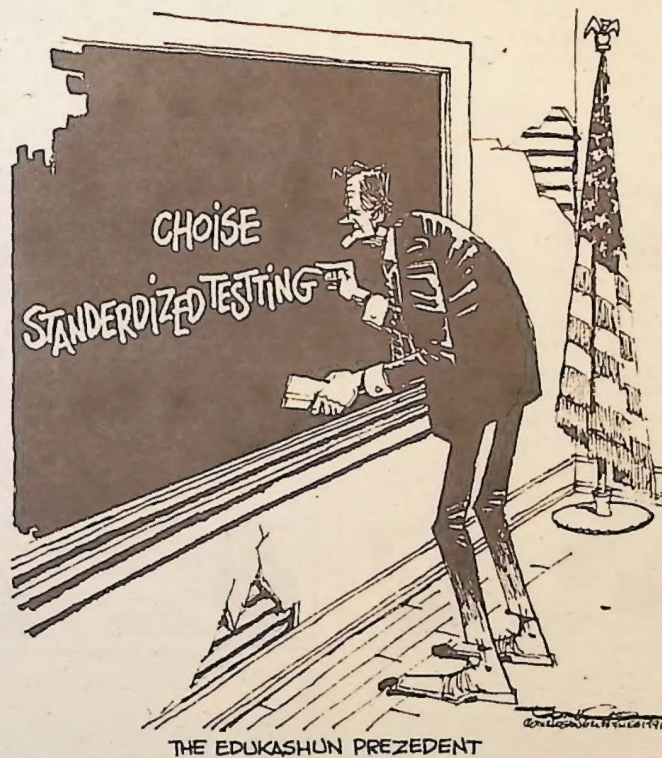
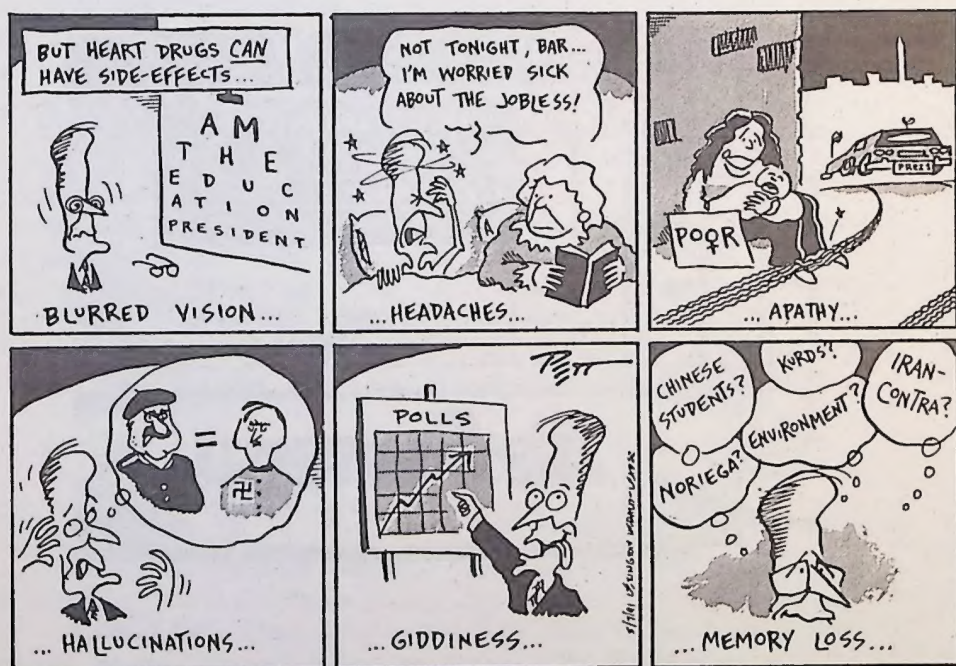
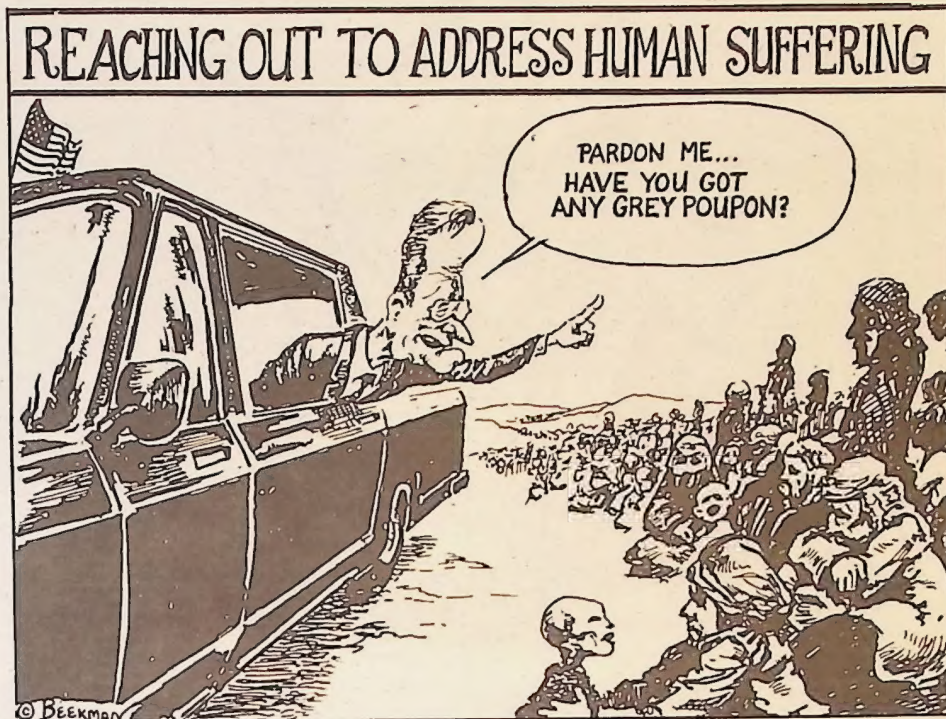
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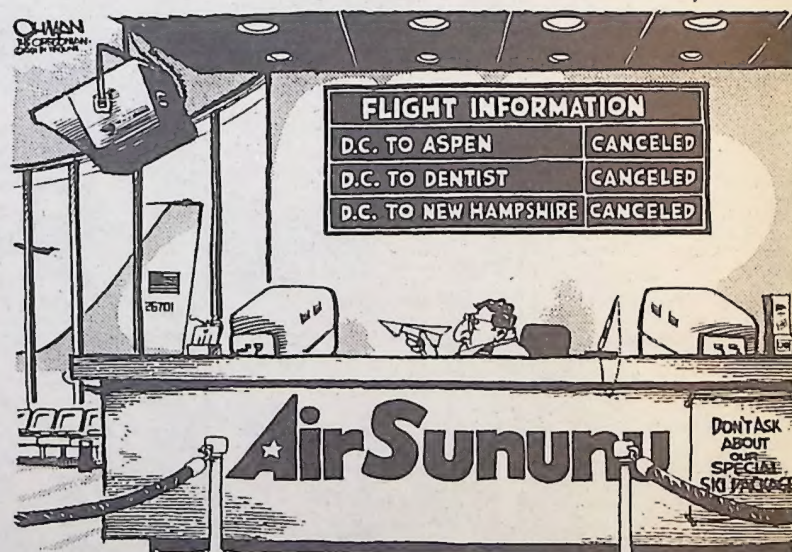
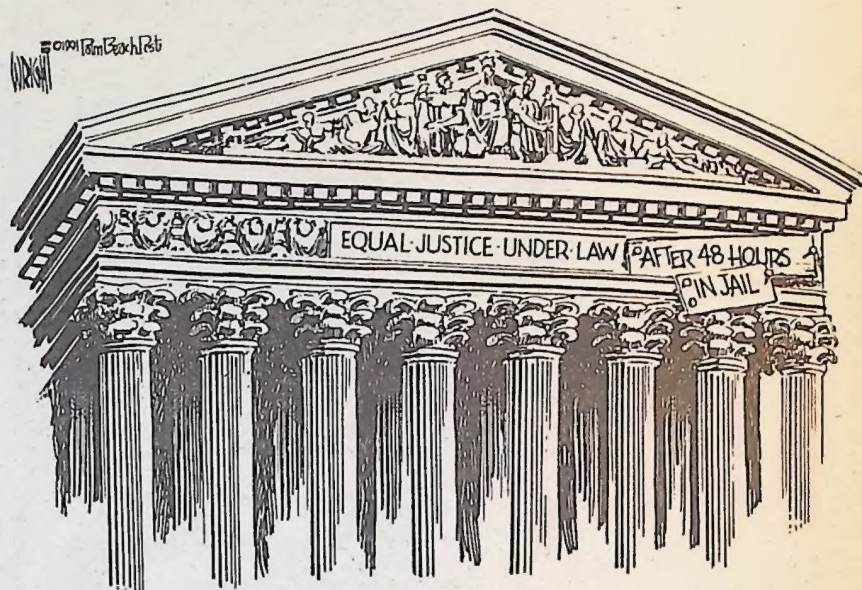
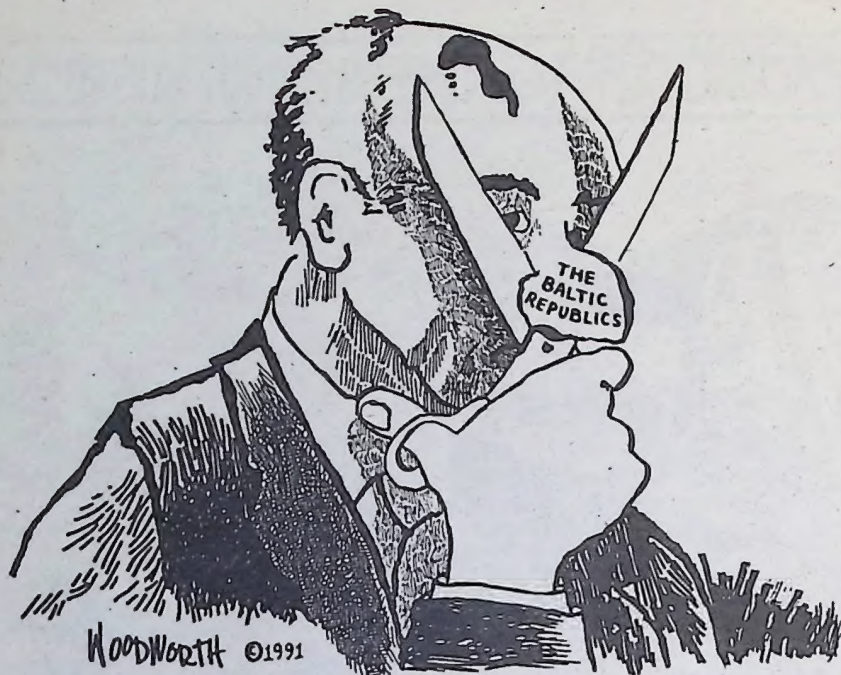
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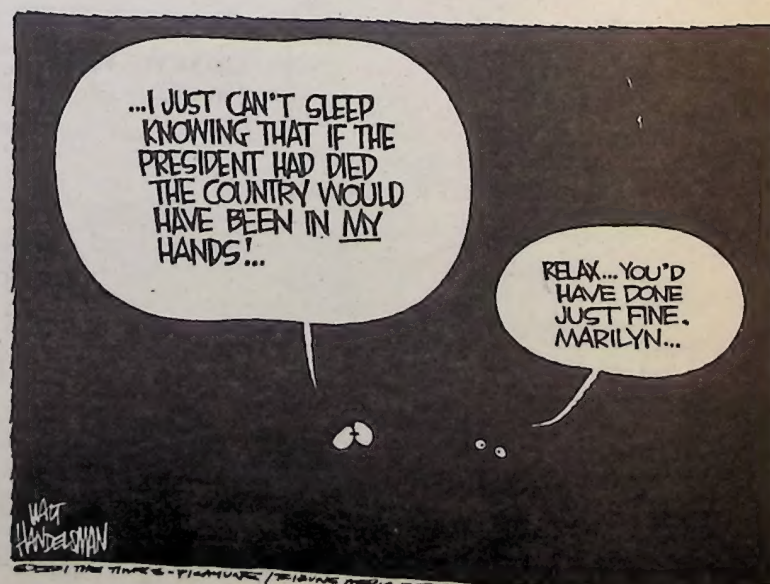
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Mr. Shut Up and I'll Tell You

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Dear Mr. Shut Up and I'll Tell You™,
Now that Dolly Parton has her own Dollywood, I was wondering if you knew of any other celebrities who would be opening up their own amusement parks. I.G., Amherst, MA

Dear IG,

Funny you should ask. I have just received word of a number of different parks opening up around the country. They include:

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REAGAN RANCH: Dotted with beautiful Forget-Me-Not's, this is a vast wasteland of a park. Take the exciting Safety Net ride, which catches three out of every four riders. Also featured are Bush Country (which looks just like Paris in October of 1980), Bonzoland (which is an actual working training facility for Vice Presidents), Mommy's Astrology Workshop, and the ever popular Kitty Stomp. In the evening, all are invited to the Contra Dance. The fireworks display is world famous, costing on an average of 3 billion dollars per night. "I think it's a neat idea": O. North.

THE MICKEY ROONEY CLUB: The only amusement park where you have to be under 5'5" to get in. Not anticipated to do well with children however, since you also need to have had twelve wives.

TEDDYVILLE: Take Teddy's Wild Ride! See the Lush Gardens! Marvel at the wonders in the Museum of the Kennedy Mystique! (Closed for repairs), Be terrified at the special 3-D movie, "Had I Been Elected President". Each patron receives a complimentary "Get Out Of Jail Free" card with every ticket sold.

GORBYLAND: Scheduled to open in 1990, it still has no restaurants, no rides, no hotels and no financing. Tickets are 1,000 rubles. But there is a McDonald's.

Dear Mr. Shut Up and I'll Tell You™,
I'm tired of watching movies all the way to the end. Could you tell me how some of these films end so I can get some sleep? J.Z. Tuscon AZ

Dear JZ,

I, like you, think that too much time is spent on figuring out the end to these "great movies", so I will reveal the endings for you so you don't waste your time.

CITIZEN KANE - Rosebud is the name of the tattoo on Charles Foster Kane's rear-end. He got it during a drunken weekend with the then very young George Schultz.

GONE WITH THE WIND - "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn". Rhett Butler turns and walks away into the fog. He stops, turns, gazes at Scarlett, and says "NOT!" He rushes into her arms, and they go off to play Scrabble.

THE GODFATHER - Vito Corleone, playing in the garden with his grandson, is visited by a reporter for the Daily Planet, who says just one word. "Jor-el". Vito starts crying, sobbing the words, "my son, my son". They fly off together towards the North Pole.

THE DOORS - Nobody knows the end to this film, since I don't think anybody has stayed that long.

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS - Nobody did it. The victim had a religious experience during the night, and his body erupted into 156 stigmata.

If You have a question for Mr. Shut-up and I'll Tell You™, keep it to yourself! If you can't, you might try sending in your question, (in simple language, obviously), care of this paper. He can't guarantee he'll answer, but then again, he doesn't care.

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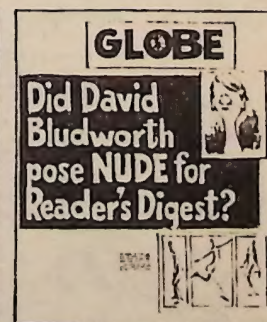
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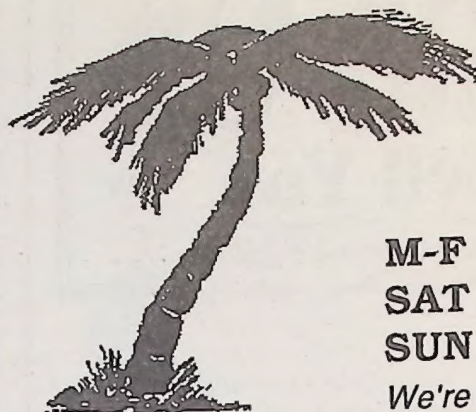
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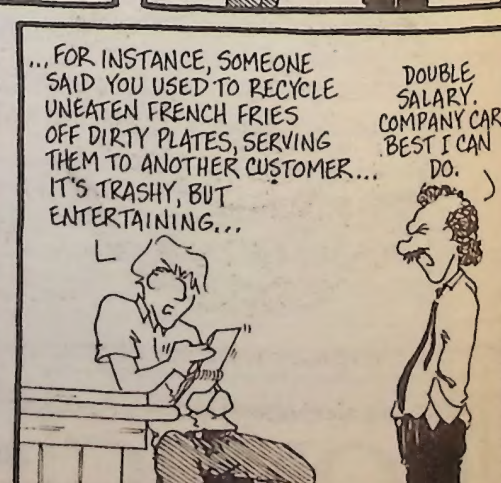
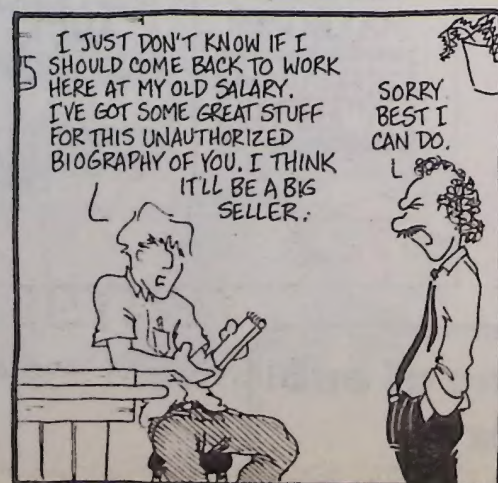
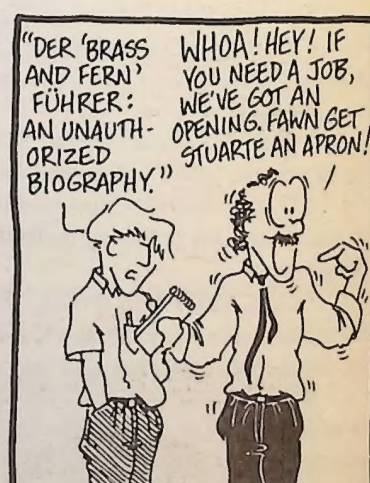
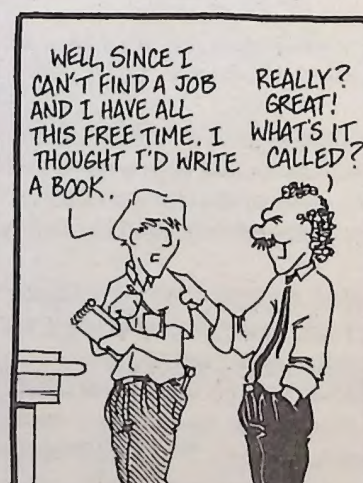


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THE BRASS & FERN

By Steve Riehm



JOE BOB BRIGGS

About five years ago, people started asking me how to write. Friends, mostly.

"I've got this great idea for a book. All I need to know is how to get it in shape.

Or "I'm planning to be a writer. Do you have any advice on where I could start out?"

Or sometimes I would get invitations to speak at writers conferences or journalism conventions or university seminars on weighty topics like "The Modern Humorous Essay." And I would go to cocktail parties where bitter white wine was served in plastic glasses by women with two last names. And, for a while, when I first got these invitations, I would actually accept them and go spend a day spouting off about this thing and that thing and the other thing. And people would take notes on the stuff I was saying. And when aspiring writers wrote me letters, I would write them back, volunteering suggestions on how to write and when to write and so on and so forth. And the aspiring writers would write me back, so grateful for what I had told them.

And then, one day, I realized ...

I didn't know what the heck I was talking about.

If you met me during this Blabbermouth Period of my life, then you already realize, of course, that I didn't know what the heck I was talking about. But this realization didn't hit me until much much later.

Now I'm trying to make up for it. I know practically *nothing* about the science, or art, or craft, of writing. But this column contains *everything* that I know beyond a doubt.

1. The way you become a writer is you write. Every day. No exceptions.

Nobody believes this. Everybody wants to believe in something called "talent" or "inspiration" or "the knack for it." Maybe there is such a thing, but it has nothing to do with becoming a writer.

So when someone says "I wanna be a writer — what do I do?" the first thing I say is "Go and write for two hours a day for two weeks, and then bring me what you've written."

To a professional writer, this is a very light writing schedule. But ninety-nine per cent of them vanish forever.

It's too mundane. Nobody believes it.

2. What you write is not important.

Nobody believes this, either. Most people think "If I could just get the right idea, then the writing would flow." That's like saying "If Nolan Ryan would just throw me the right pitch, then I could hit home runs for the Yankees." Before you get the chance to face the big pitch from Nolan Ryan, you have to hit 200,000 other pitches. Every day. No exceptions.

The idea doesn't matter. The practice matters.

3. Nobody is going to steal your idea.

Everyone who is about to write a book is afraid that they will tell someone (like me) the topic, and six months later Doubleday will be bringing out a 200,000 first printing on the same topic, but written by Norman Mailer, and the aspiring writer's chance for celebrity will be dashed.

Listen up. You don't get widely plagiarized until you're widely published - and then it doesn't matter. Trust me on this.

4. *There are no new ideas.* There are only individual expressions of old ideas. If you and I write the same thing, it will come out in two versions so different that no one will notice, but *both* versions will be extremely similar to things written 3,000 years ago. To put it another way, your imagination doesn't belong to you — it's just something you're entrusted with for a time.

5. Be honest. It always works.

6. Don't listen to anybody's opinions about what you write, especially your friends and family. (I don't mean ignore these people. I mean listen to the voice inside you that says "That's good" and "That stinks." It's the only voice that doesn't lie.)

7. Never be afraid to write something that stinks. The more stinky stuff you put out, the more risks you take. And the more risks you take, the better chance you have of creating something beautiful. No great writer has ever been a wimp.

8. If you can explain how to write a book, then you don't know how to write one. If you can write a book, then you won't be able to explain how you did it. It's stupid, but it's true.

There are no rules about what to write, how to write it, or what will "sell." Never ask a book publisher what will "sell." They're the last to know.

9. There are no membership cards or initiation rites for this profession. Anybody with a sheet of paper can do it. So you become a writer on the day you say "I'm a writer." It doesn't matter where your income comes from. The work you take joy from is writing.

10. Nobody can tell you how to write, but there are certain things you can do to get to a *place* where you can write. There are three of them:

Write every day.

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Write every day.

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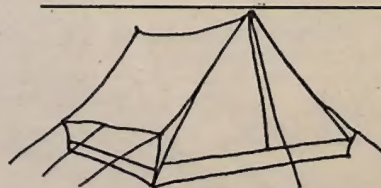
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by L. M. Boyd

Q How many flags of the 50 United States can never be flown upside down? A. Only four. Of Alabama, Colorado, New Mexico and Ohio. They're symmetrical on a horizontal axis.

That student of the mind, Theodor Reik, said a declaration of love changes a woman but not a man. Or more precisely, a woman sees herself as another person after a man tells her he loves her. But after a woman tells a man she loves him, he sees in himself no change. If you question this difference, ask somebody. Your librarian maybe.

Beavers don't stop growing until they die. What other mammals can you say that about?

Film actors learn to walk a special way. To get from Point A to Point B, exactly, in camera focus. It's tricky. Next time you see an old John Wayne movie, note the walk. Mighty short steps for a long-legged man. Short steps make it easier to start and stop at precisely the right spot.

In a houseplant, growth hormones stay active longer on the shady side. So the cells there grow more. That forces the plant to lean away from them. Certainly looks as though the plant is reaching for the sun, doesn't it? Not so. It's bending away from its fastest growing side.

Q What's an Uidiopathic disease? A. A medical translator says that means "The doctor doesn't know what causes it." Low back pain is often so described.

Q Only two kinds of circus animals can be trained to stand on their heads. Name them. A. Elephants and humans.

a. What's the oldest fruit of record? A. The apricot, probably. Greek mythology refers to it as the "Golden Apple." Chinese historians trace it back more than 4,000 years.

In Japan, the typist is a much respected specialist. Learning to keyboard the Japanese language is a lengthy painstaking study.

Although TV's Lieutenant Columbo is still widely seen, that fictional fellow's first name is still not widely known. It's Phillip.

It was the Irish who brought over the Halloween symbols. Black cats. Witches. Jack-o-lanterns. Goblins. Masks. Apple bobbing.

Grownups eat more hot dogs than kids do.

Soviet medical researchers after lengthy studies decided these seem to be what contribute most to the longevity of their healthy elderly people: Hard work, marriage, children, living in high places, eating moderately, drinking well water, and talking a lot.

Q. What's the smallest mammal? A. Thailand's bumble bee bat. Size of a jelly bean. Weighs less than a dime.

Why the handwriting of urologists is particularly illegible I don't know, but an AMA study has so indicated.

Said that sage Tom Stoppard: "life is a gamble at terrible odds. If it was a bet, you wouldn't take it."

Bees won't fly when the wind blows more than 15 mph.

Benjamin Franklin also invented the spelling bee.

Elephants rip branches from trees to beat off yapping dogs. That has been seen, repeatedly. Clearly, man is not the only animal that uses weapons.

Some of Canada is south of some of Nevada.

Q. You once said a man named Matt Honk changed the saloons of the West. How? A. He sold pianos to them. Players of ragtime music took over. In his honor, the places came to be called Honky Tonks.

Blondes have been subject to a bum rap that started 2,000 years ago. Law in ancient Rome required prostitutes to wear yellow hair.

Blindfold taste tests don't work too well on beer. Loyalists usually can't identify their own brands. Batches differ. Shelf time affects flavor. Not much. But enough, according to the experts, to make blindfold taste tests useless.

Something else the science minds have found out about chimpanzees is the female of the species may mate as many as 50 times in one day.

Travel folk say the average vacation lasted 6.2 days in the '80s, but so far in the '90s it's only lasting 4.8 days.

A group of rhinos is called a "crash." Or was. Once.

Q. Those who know about paper money refer to the "assassination Bill." What is it? A. A \$1 bill issued in Dallas two weeks before the death of John F. Kennedy. Its serial numbers start with "K" and end in "A."

Jeopardy's Alex Trebek reportedly is another of the many who eat only one full meal a day.

How do you feel about the fact that the unpaved roads nationwide still outnumber the paved roads?

The British statesman Horace Walpole said, "The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel."

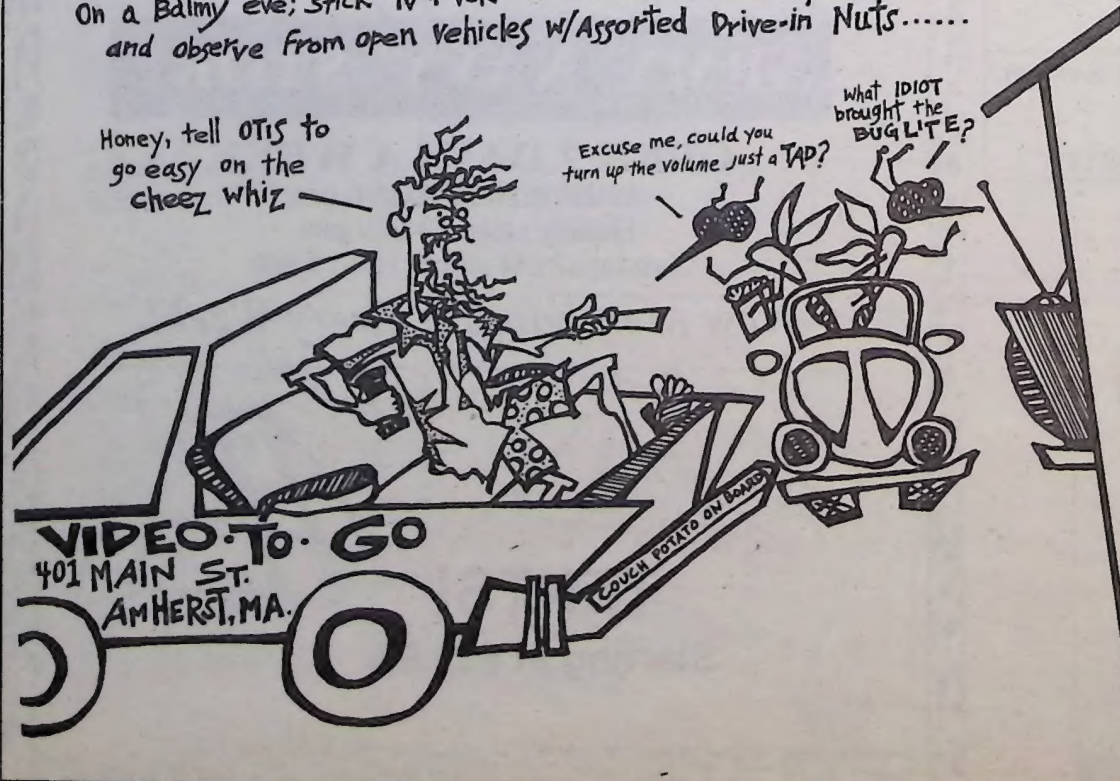
How you read body language depends on where you are, evidently. In a business situation, you know it's time to go when the host gets up from his desk chair. In a social situation, you know it's time to go when the host leans back in his armchair. Or so says a student of such matters.

Q. Again, please: Exactly what do the candy's letters "M&M" stand for? A. Initials of the inventors, Forrest Mars and Bruce Murrie.

Real poker players understand this: If you're dealt a pair, odds go up your opponent is dealt a pair, too.

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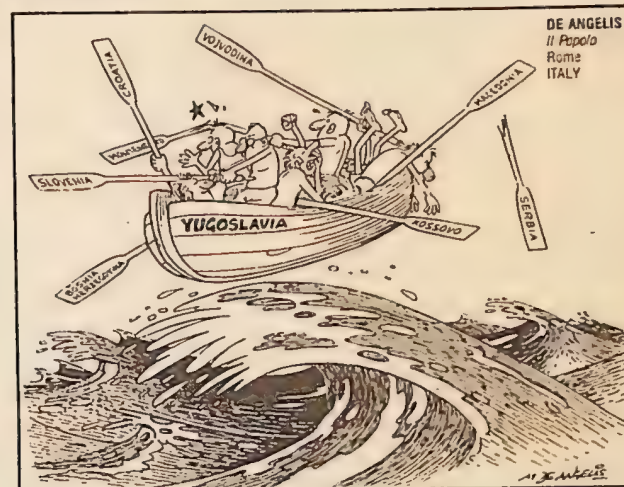
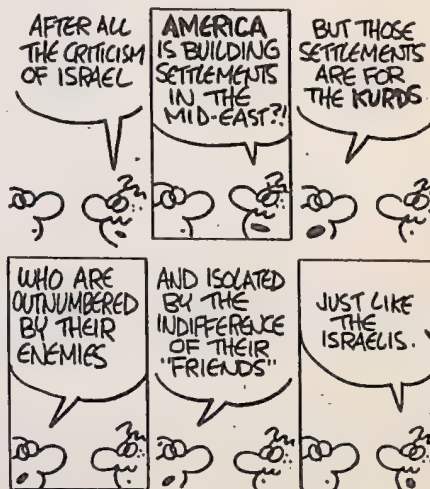
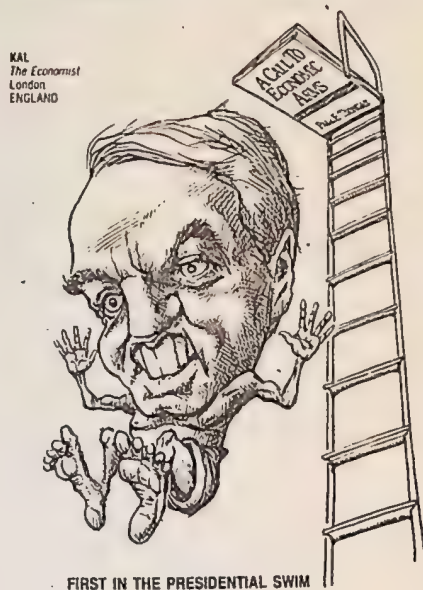
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EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Twisters

Severe thunderstorms and devastating tornadoes brought new misery and death to cyclone-ravaged Bangladesh. A government-owned newspaper said the unofficial death toll in the tropical cyclone was 500,000. Squalls and heavy downpours hampered the pitifully inadequate relief efforts to save the hundreds of thousands of survivors left stranded, homeless, and without food or water. After the cyclone abated, three tornadoes ripped through the country in as many days, killing at least 30 people and damaging hundreds of homes.

Tornadoes damaged homes in northeastern Illinois, and toppled a tree onto a car near Chicago, killing two people. The twister was one of several that formed over parts of the midwestern and southeastern U. S. during a week of severe weather.

Floods

Flooding caused by weeks of heavy rain in Louisiana has driven hundreds from their homes. Poisonous snakes were seen swimming through abandoned residential areas, and fire ants floated on chunks of earth. Since the middle of April, thousands of homes and hundreds of thousands of farm acres have been flooded from eastern Texas to Mississippi.

Volcano

Costa Rica's Rincon de la Vieja Volcano shot ash and lava into the dawn sky on May 8, destroying bridges leading to two small towns at the foot of the mountain. The volcano last erupted in 1983.

Testing

France carried out its first nuclear explosion of the year at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific on May 8. The blast had a yield of less than 10 kilotons, according to French military officials.



Earthquakes

Another sharp aftershock of last month's disastrous Costa Rican temblor inflicted further damage in neighboring Panama, and was felt as far west as the Central Valley of Costa Rica. A moderate quake on the New Madrid Fault rattled residents from Illinois to Mississippi. Earth movements were also felt in the central Philippines, Lima and coastal Peru, and in parts of the Hawaiian Islands.

Treacherous Rescue

Carnivorous fish, whirlpools, and turbulent waters slowed efforts to retrieve the bodies of dozens of people who drowned when a packed ferry capsized in the Rio Marañon in Peru's Amazon region. Some 200 people were rescued after their boat struck a pontoon bridge, overturned, and floated downstream for about an hour before frogmen could cut through the hull to release the passengers

trapped inside. The greatest danger to the frogmen and survivors came from schools of voracious piranha-like fish called caneros that were seen swimming nearby.

Landslide

A moderate earthquake in the Soviet Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan unleashed a landslide that buried eight homes and killed at least 50 people in a mountain village. Fearing more slides, authorities evacuated 400 residents of Chigiristan, near the Uzbek capital of Tashkent.

Tropical Storms

Tropical cyclone Walt buffeted the Caroline Islands with hurricane-force winds and high surf. Tropical cyclone Lisa gained force as it moved southward over the warm waters of the Coral Sea between northeastern Australia's Queensland State and the Solomon Islands.

Extremes

The warmest temperature reported by the more than 6,500 worldwide synoptic weather reporting stations was 115 degrees in Dori, Burkina Faso. The coldest was 107 degrees below zero at the Soviet Union's Vostok Antarctic Research Station.

Bovine Rampage

Six people were injured — two from police gunfire — after a cow escaped from a slaughter house and ran amok through the streets of a Brazilian town near Sao Paulo. Press reports said the cow rampaged through several streets in Jundiá, injuring four pedestrians before smashing through the fence of a hospital. Police fired six shots at the animal, finally killing it, but also wounding two hospital workers.

Additional Sources: U. S. Climate Analysis Center, U. S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

By Steve Newman

Floods

Parts of Bangladesh that had been spared the fury of late April's tropical cyclone were ravaged by severe storms and flooding that left more than a million more homeless waiting for relief supplies. Northern Bangladesh had been suffering from a drought before a series of storms during the first half of May caused rivers and streams to overflow into farmlands, villages, and some cities.

Torrential rains in southeastern Turkey killed at least eight people and caused heavy damage to homes and crops. The downpours also fell over areas where Kurdish refugees from northern Iraq had relocated following the Gulf War.

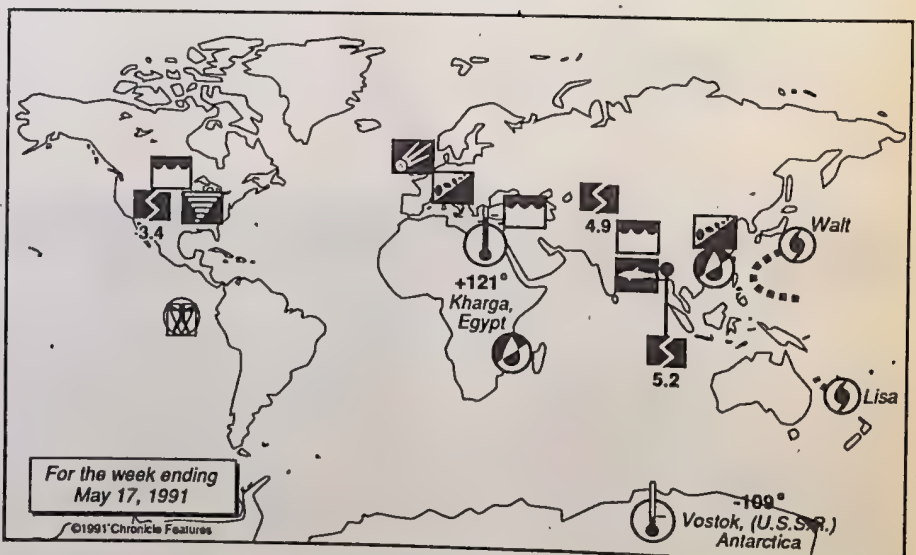
Severe thunderstorms in northwestern Nebraska spawned hailstones as large as baseballs and produced as much as seven inches of rainfall. The resulting flood crest destroyed a dam on the White River, wiped out the town of Crawford's water plant, and swept away several mobile homes. One man drowned during the flash flood, while others were forced to spend the night in trees to escape the high water.

Twisters

Record heat from the Rockies to the Appalachians triggered several outbreaks of tornadoes in the American Midwest. Damage from the twisters was minimal, with only a few trees and power lines reported to have been downed.

Meteorite

The first meteorite known to have fallen in England in nearly 30 years hurtled through the branches of a tree into the garden of a Peterborough man who was tending his flowers. The British Broadcasting Corporation reported that the 1.5 pound rock could be billions of years old, and was probably left over from the Solar System's formation.



Droughts

A drought in southern China has delayed spring planting of rice and other crops at the onset of what is normally the annual flood season. The China Daily reported that 13 million acres had been affected by the dry spell that has lasted since winter. In Guangxi province, where rivers were dry and reservoirs empty, only about half of the early rice crop was planted.

Tanzania may have to import food this year to bridge a food deficit caused by drought in many parts of the country. This year's seasonal rains came more than a month late, and precipitation was sparse. Since 1987, Tanzania had been able to grow enough food to feed its people.

Earthquakes

In a quiet week for worldwide seismic activity, earth movements were felt in Colorado, Soviet Buryatskaya, and from Burma to northeastern India.

Tropical Storms

Super typhoon Walt, packing wind gusts to 171 miles per hour, veered sharply just before reaching the Philippines. The storm was predicted to lose force in the colder waters of the Pacific off southeastern Japan late in the week. Tropical cyclone Lisa dissipated over the Coral Sea.

Cholera

A cholera epidemic which has spread across a large part of South America may have reached the Galapagos Islands. Ecuador's Deputy Health Minister Enrique Granizo said there were 14 probable cases of the disease in the Galapagos archipelago, a vast nature preserve in the Pacific about 550 miles off the mainland.

Landslide

A bus carrying engineers plunged into a valley in eastern China after heavy

rain washed away the roadbed beneath them. The victims had been on an outing from Shanghai.

The Swiss Alpine resort of Zermatt, near the famed Matterhorn, remained cut off by the second massive rock-slide in three weeks.

Dolphin Rescue

Out of the tragedy and misery of Bangladesh came the story of a breathtaking rescue of a child by a marine mammal. State Minister for the Environment Abdullah al-Noman told reporters that a dolphin took hold of the baby that had been swept out to sea from the village of Ukhia by a tidal wave during the height of the April 29 cyclone. The baby was delivered back to shore 18 miles from Ukhia, where people pulled it from the dolphin's mouth and took it to a hospital to recover.

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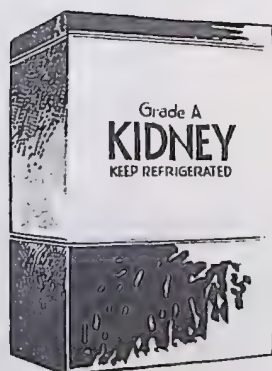
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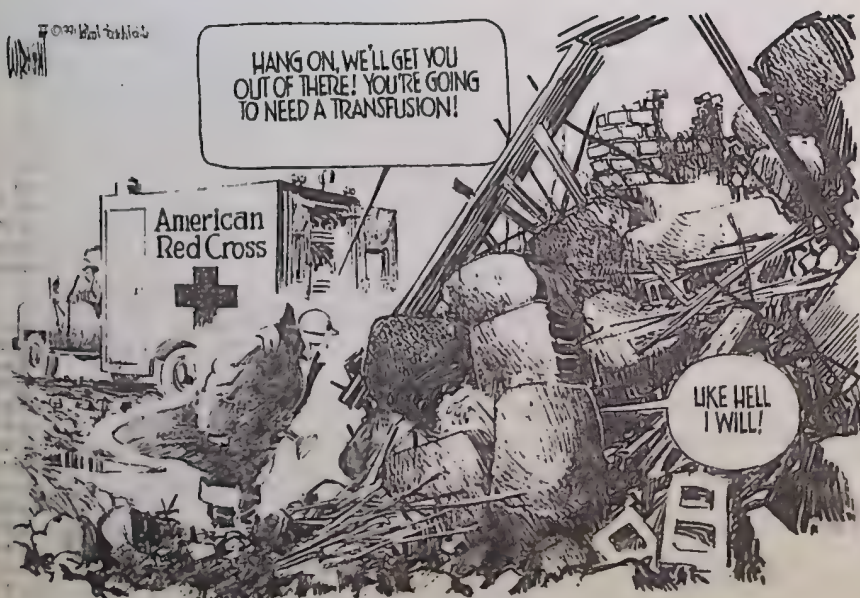
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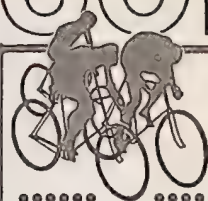


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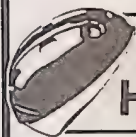
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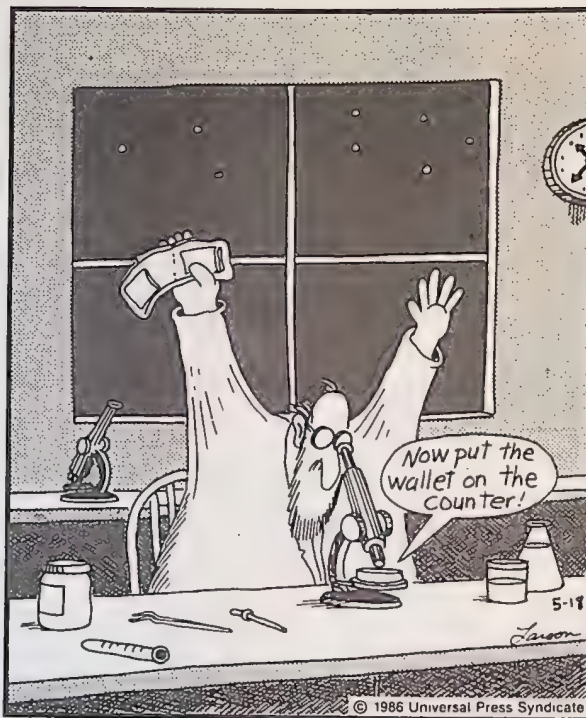
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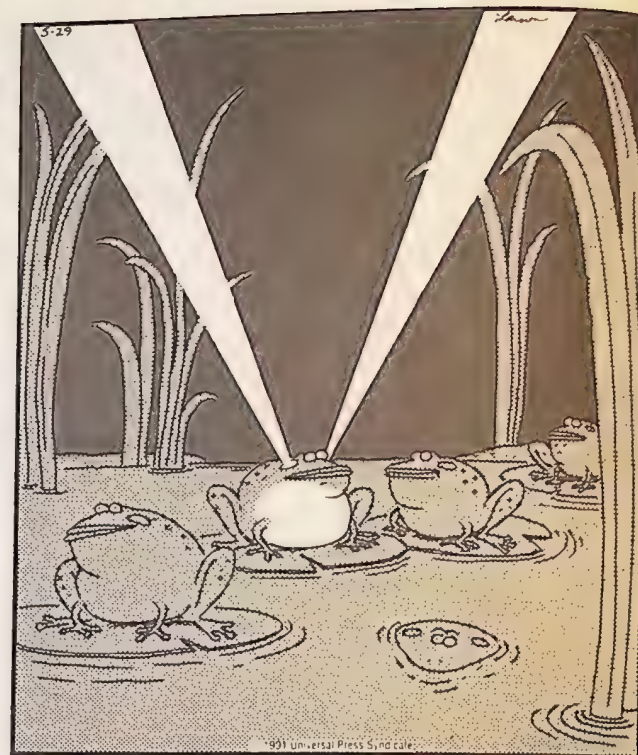
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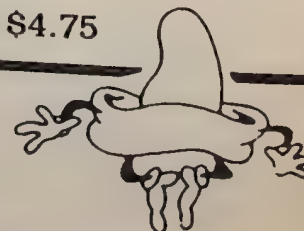
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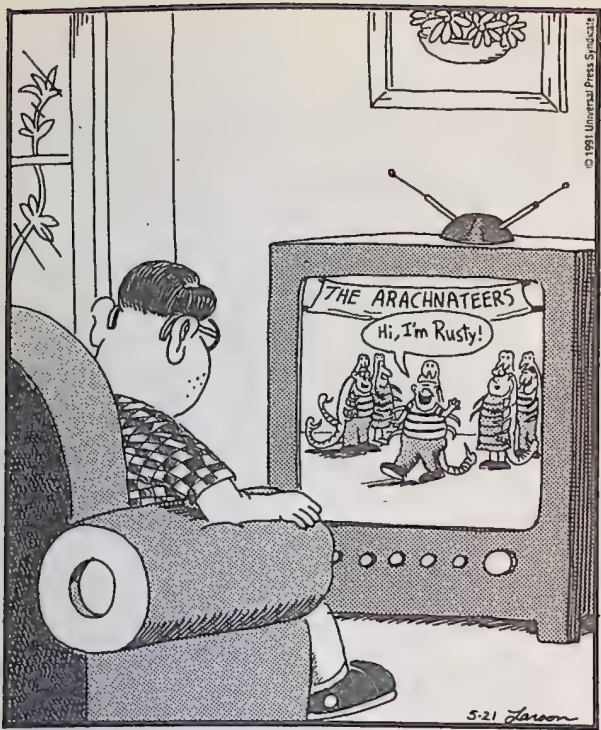
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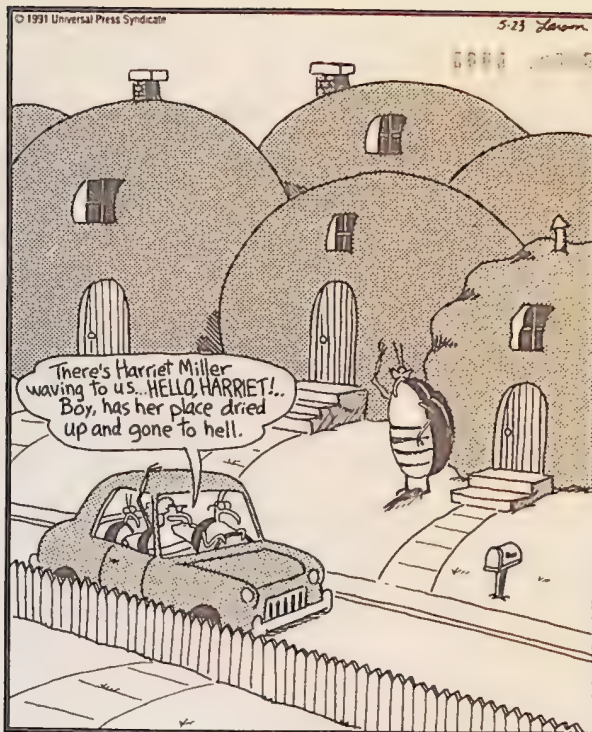
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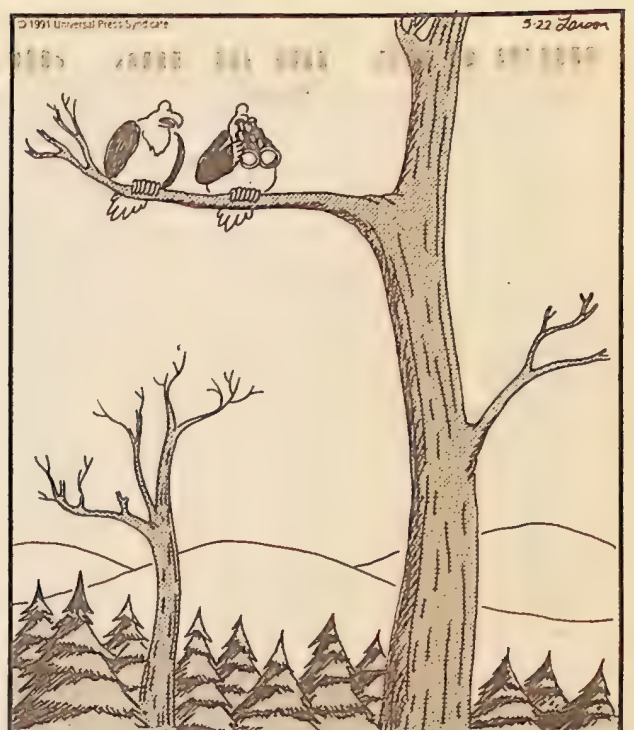




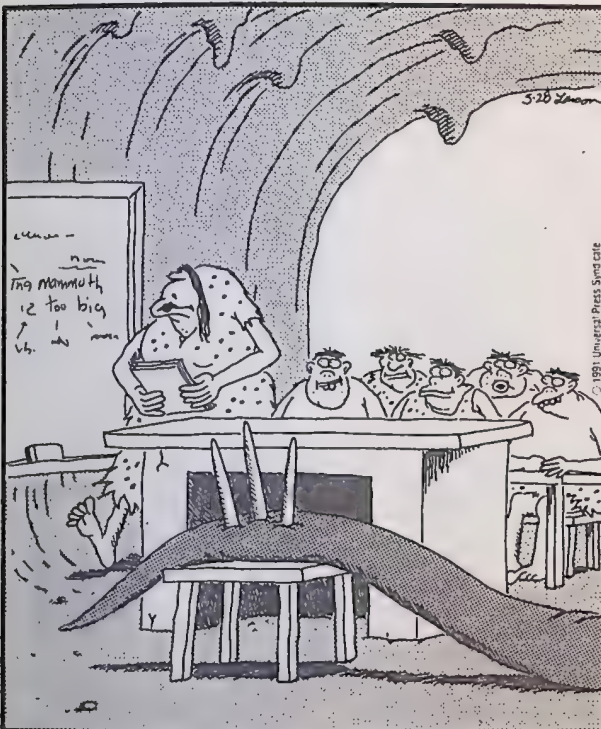
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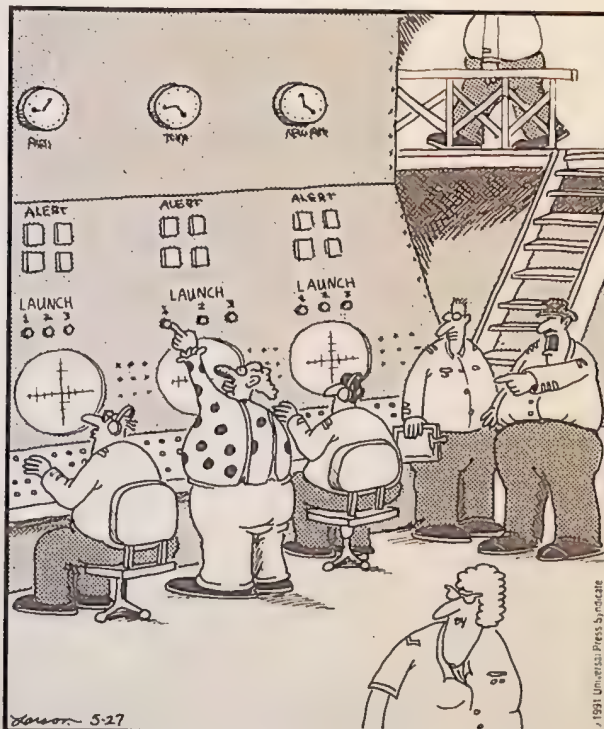
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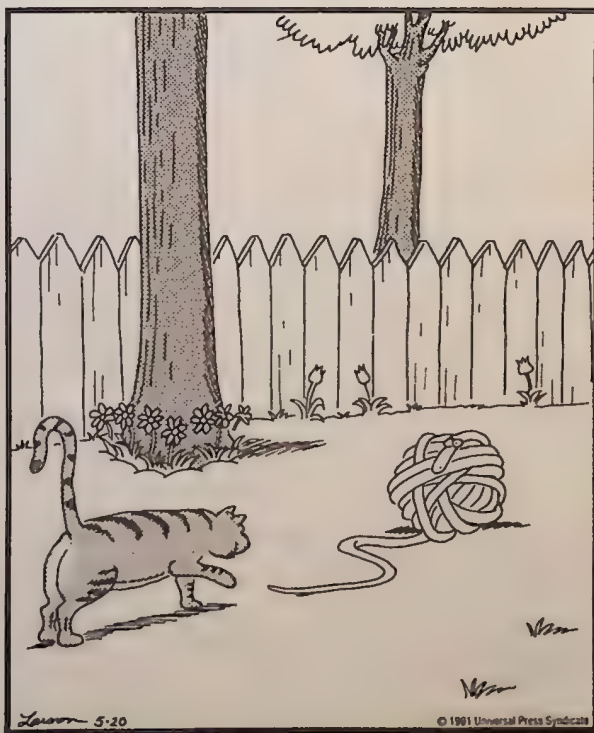
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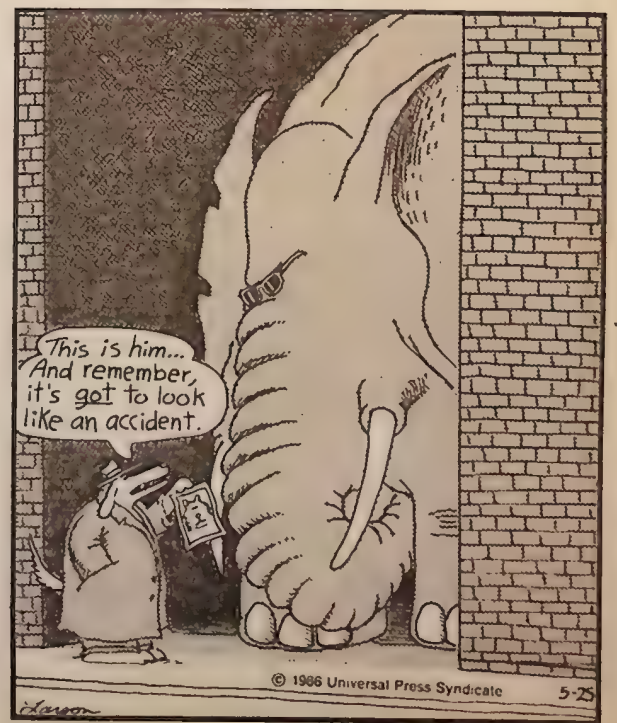
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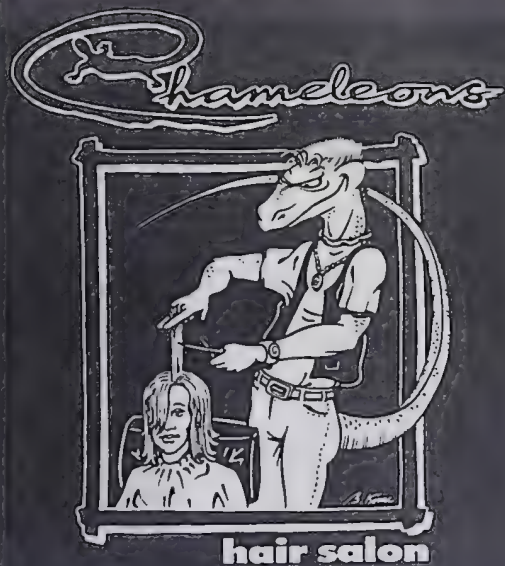
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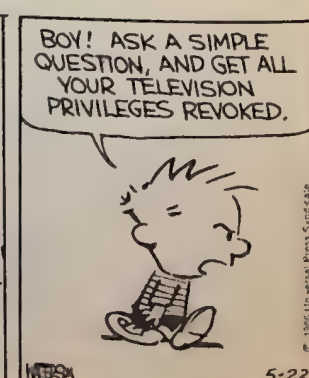
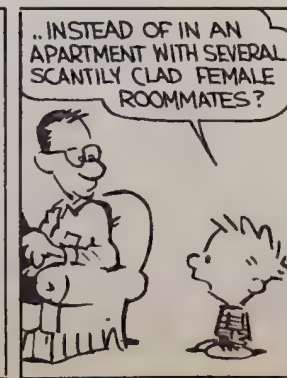
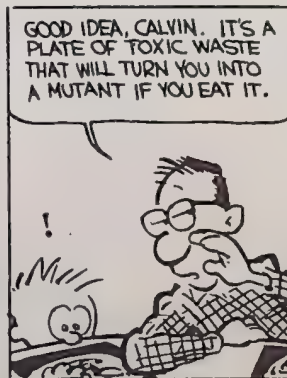
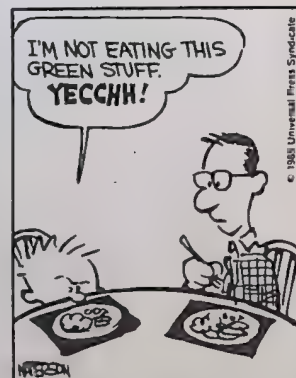
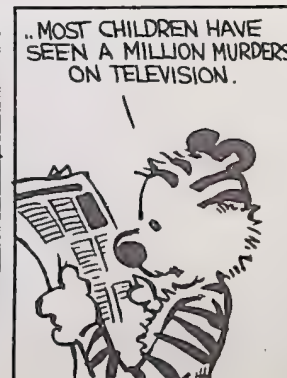
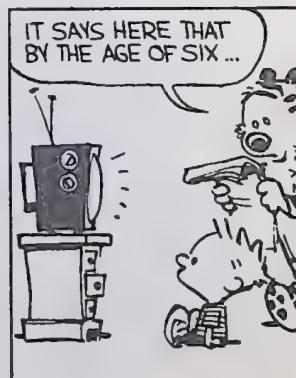
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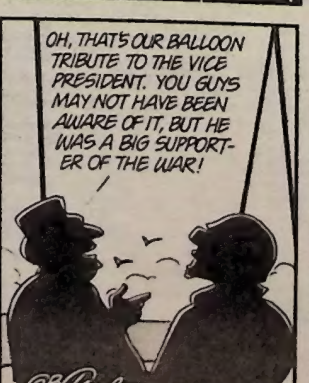
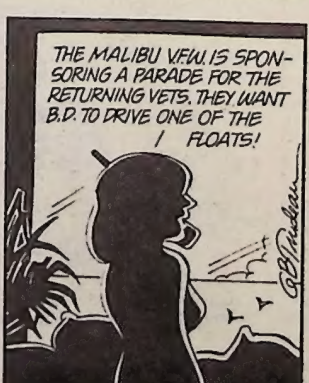
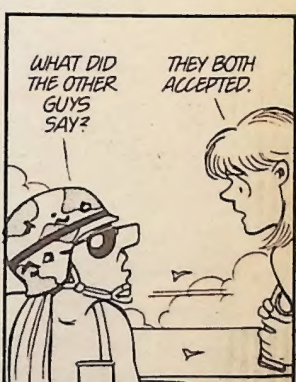
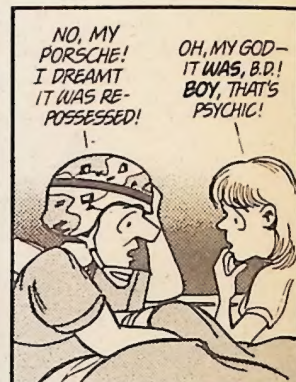
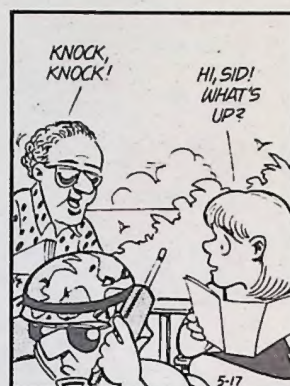
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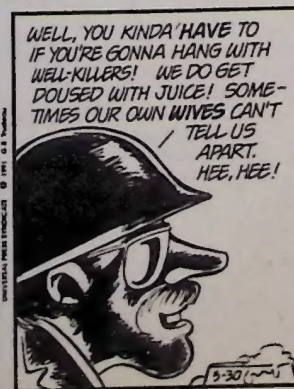
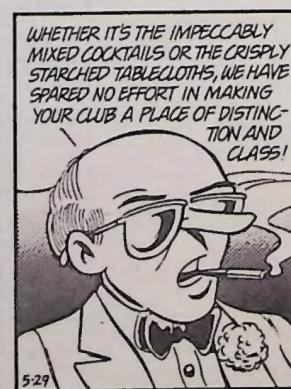
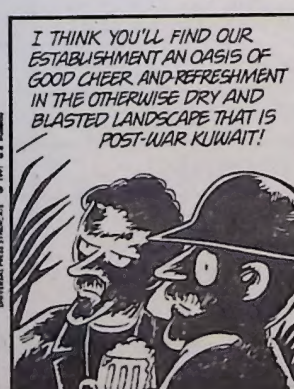
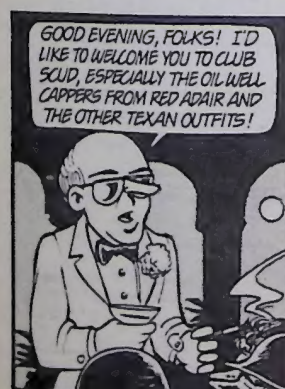
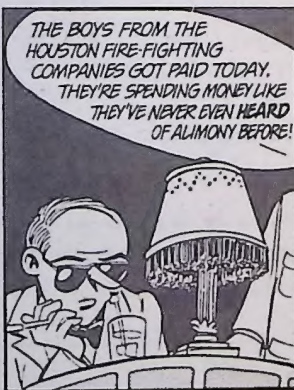
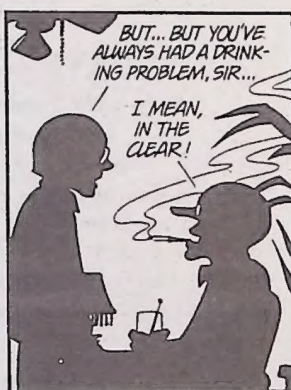
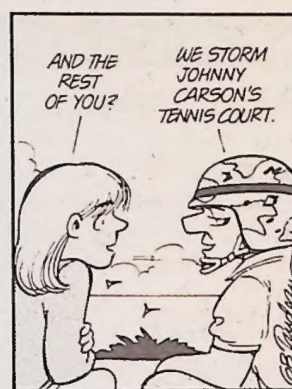
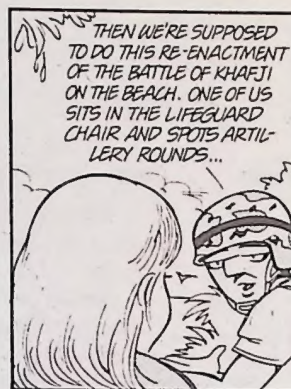
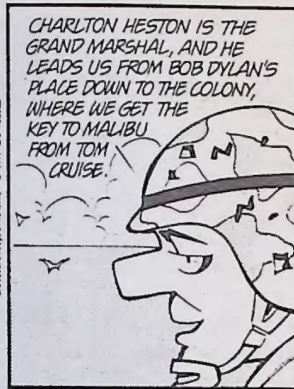
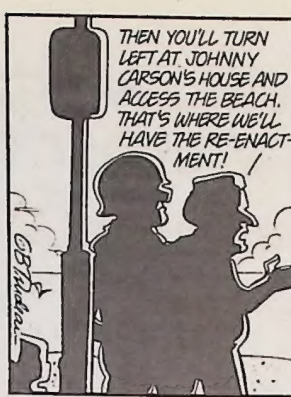
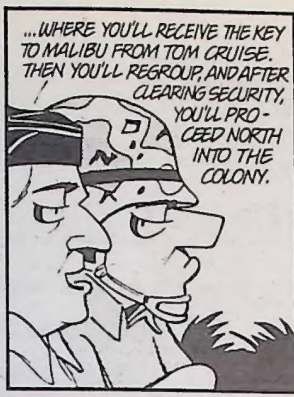
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Adapted by Anthony Giardina
from Hans Christian Andersen

June 25 - 29

THE CAT PRINCESS

by Bill Hayden

July 24 - 27

ALADDIN & THE WONDERFUL LAMP

Adapted by Jack Neary

August 14 - 17


In Gettel Amphitheatre

All Performances 10:30 a.m.

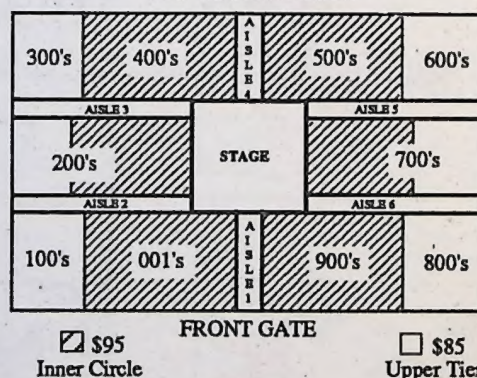
All Seats General Admission

Single Tickets \$5

Subscriptions \$12 (Save \$3!)

 A limited number of accessible seats are available for both series. Please call for information.

the festive tent



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•GUARANTEED SEATS

Don't be shut out at a "Sold Out" show! You have your seats before tickets go on sale to the public. And you'll have the same seats & night for every production.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

I would like _____ Mainstage Subscriptions.

I would prefer seats in Section:

001 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900
(Indicate first & second choices)

My Subscription night will be:

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
(Circle One)

_____ (#) in Preferred Seating @ \$95 for a total of: _____

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Total Cost of Mainstage Tickets _____

I would like _____ Children's Plays Subscriptions @ \$12 for a total of: _____

Add \$1.50 for credit card orders _____

Return to:

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


Mount Holyoke College Summer Theatre, South Hadley, MA 01075

GRAND TOTAL _____

Use this grid if you will miss one or two productions. 7 Subscription tickets must be spread over at least 5 shows.
of tickets

TOMFOOLERY	
GOD'S FAVORITE	
SHERLOCK'S LAST CASE	
CROSSING DELANCEY	
THE MOUSETRAP	
WITHOUT CONSENT	
GREATER TUNA	

☐ My Check is Enclosed (Made payable to MHCST)

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